

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given to the present application. Claims 76 and 78-99 are now pending in the application.

Restriction Requirement

The Office has entered a restriction requirement, stating that the present application includes two patentably distinct inventions: Group I, as defined by Claims 76, 78-86 and 90-99; Group II, as defined by Claims 87-89. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Species H, without traverse.

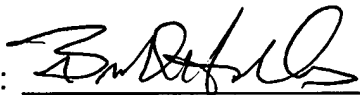
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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